operation of Medium Capacity Long Range (MCLR) category of aircraft. There are further proposals to construct a new integrated terminal building to handle domestic as well as international passengers; construction of new apron, link taxiway; installation of navigational aids and ground lighting facilities for all weather operation; provision of boundary wall, perimeter road, sub-fire station, approach road etc. The consultant, M/s. RITES has submitted draft report to Airports Authority of India (AAI). The final report will be submitted by the consultants after the same is examined by AAI in consultation with Indian Navy and other concerned departments.

(c) and (d) The project has been taken up by Indian Navy, with financial contributions from AAI and State Government. AAI has agreed to take the responsibility for the execution of this project.

(e) Does not arise.

Sponsoring of sarees for Air Hostesses

2278. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to negotiate with private corporate houses for sponsoring of sarees for Air Hostesses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Helicopter Services in NE-Region

2279. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of cities/districts of NER where helicopter services are not available;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) and (b) Scheduled helicopter services are not being operated by any airline/operator in any part of the country, including the North-Eastern Region. However, State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya have obtained the services of Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) for providing helicopters on charter basis.

(c) PHHL has sent proposals to State Governments of Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur and Assam for providing helicopter services on long-term lease basis and their responses are awaited.

Dereservation of Posts of Assistant Manager

2280. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there were 27 Senior Superintendent (Aerodrome) who had completed five years of service were eligible for promotion as AM(ATC); if so, the reasons for dereserving 15 posts of Assistant Manager during 2000;

(b) the number of Senior Superintendent (Aerodrome) sent to Allahabad for training for promotion and the number of them belonging to SC/ST; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that SC/ST Senior Superintendents get promotion in time avoiding any backlog?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) 27 Senior Superintendent (Aerodrome) had completed 5 years of service but they had not undergone the ADC/Approach Control Course required for promotion as per the Recruitment and Promotion rules. Therefore, they were not eligible for promotion as Assistant Manager (ATC) due to this, 15 posts were got de-reserved to be filled up by the eligible candidates.

(b) 12 Senior Superintendent (Aerodrome) were nominated for training during the year 2000 which included two Scheduled Castes and two Scheduled Tribes.